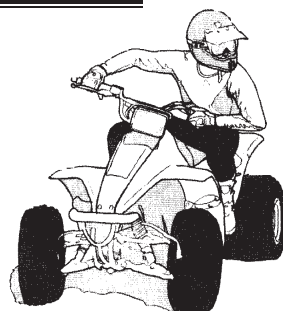




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Traveling the Ozark National Forest Backcountry

... a guide to designated off-highway vehicle routes



Learn the state laws

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use is rapidly increasing on public lands in Arkansas. Many miles of forest roads offer unlimited enjoyment for responsible OHV enthusiasts. Providing safe, enjoyable recreation opportunities is a priority for forest managers. For your safety, for the safety of other visitors, and for the health of the forest, please **Ride 4 Keeps**. See **Ride 4 Keeps** guidelines in this publication.

Arkansas State Regulations

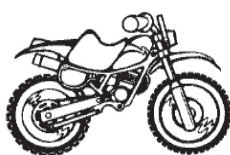
All off-highway three and four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles must be registered with the Arkansas Department of Revenue. Upon registration, the OHV will be assessed and the owner will be charged a “one time” fee of approximately \$10 for title, registration and a decal that will be placed permanently on the OHV. The decal is not a forest pass. It fulfills state requirements only. Call your local county revenue department for more information.

Arkansas State Requirements

- ☐ Persons less than 12 years of age are prohibited from operating OHVs unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- ☐ Operating an OHV at speeds greater than reasonable is prohibited.
- ☐ Headlights and taillights must be utilized when operating an OHV between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- ☐ Each OHV must have a muffler in good working condition and be equipped with an approved spark arrester. (Should come from the factory meeting this requirement.)
- ☐ When two or more OHVs are operating together on a road, they should be operated in single file.
- ☐ All OHV operators must comply with applicable Arkansas state laws governing the use of motor vehicles.
- ☐ Operators are prohibited from operating any vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or narcotics.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulations

The following regulations apply only to Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AG&FC) owned or leased Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) such as Gulf Mountain, Cedar Creek, Point Remove and Gene Rush. The AG&FC does not allow OHVs on state-owned WMAs except to those people who can prove permanent disability and have received a Mobility Impaired Program card from the Game and Fish Commission. These AG&FC OHV permits are not applicable to Forest Service land and do not entitle the rider to go off roads or trails or on closed roads.



Understand the policy

This publication provides information on designated travel routes within the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas.

In national forests across the United States, unmanaged recreation remains a major threat to the health of public lands. In 2005, the Forest Service issued a Travel Management Rule that governed use of OHVs and other motor vehicles on all national forests and grasslands. That rule stated that motor vehicle use on public lands managed by the Forest Service would be limited to a system of designated routes.

The rule was nothing new for people traveling the Ozark National Forest. The 1986 Forest Land and Resources Management Plan stated, “All areas of the Ozark National Forest are closed to off-highway vehicle use, except open roads and trails (subject to State law), to minimize disturbance, environmental damage and other user conflicts.”

Initial designation of these travel routes occurred several years ago, but the process for designation of new routes is ongoing. This September 2010 version of **Traveling the Backcountry** adds nearly 100 miles of routes that were suggested by people like you and analyzed by the Forest Service as part of routine analysis. Share your suggestions for further OHV trails with the local District Ranger. Please remember to consider public safety, environmental concerns and threatened and endangered species when making suggestions.



Learn where to ride

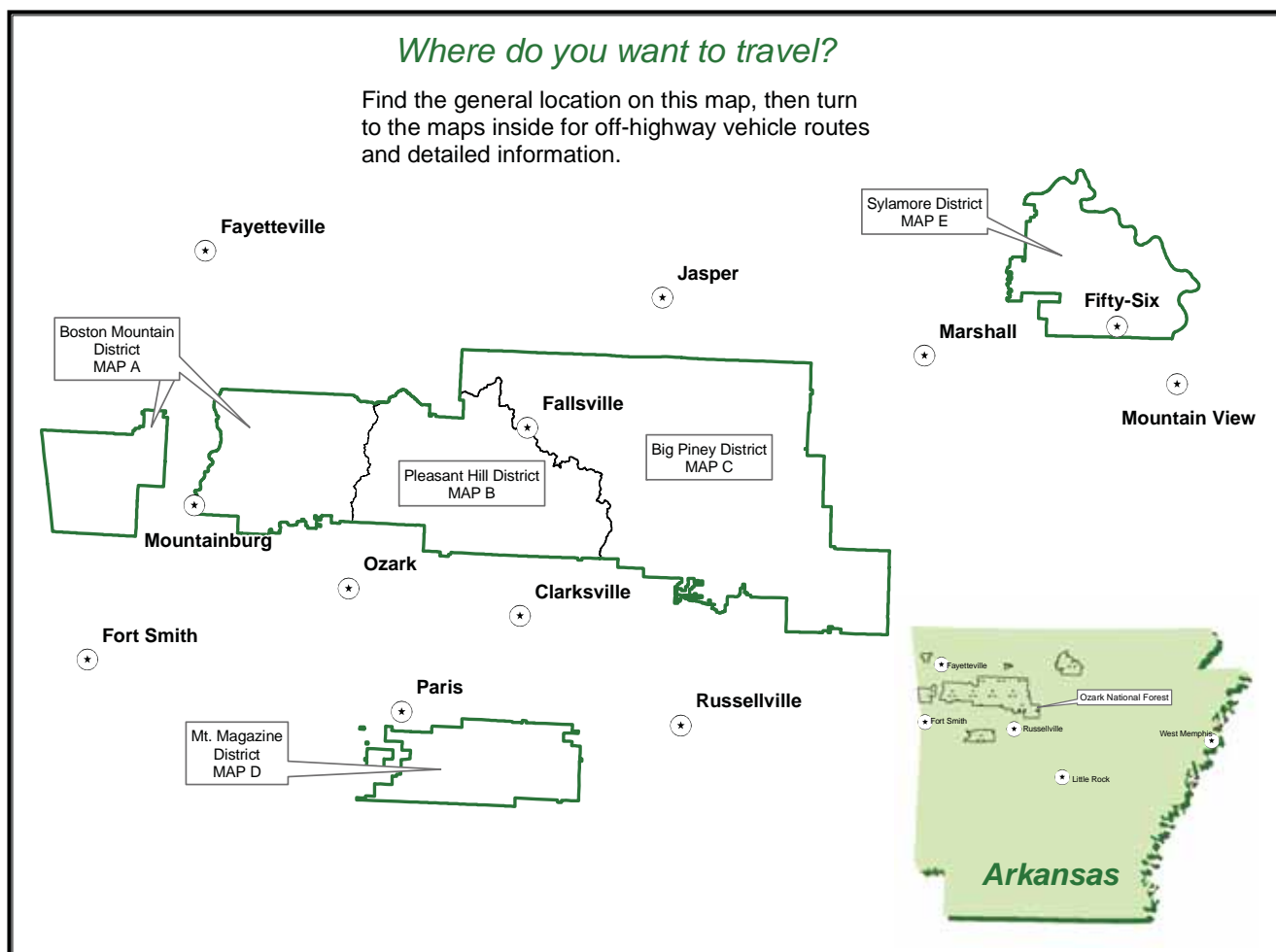
Off-highway vehicle use on national forest land is a favorite form of recreation and is increasing in popularity. Over the last 15 years, there has been a significant increase in the numbers and varieties of OHVs using the forest, including three- and four-wheelers, dune buggies, dirt bikes and sport utility vehicles. Other forms of recreation, such as hiking and horseback and mountain bike riding, are also on the rise across the forest.

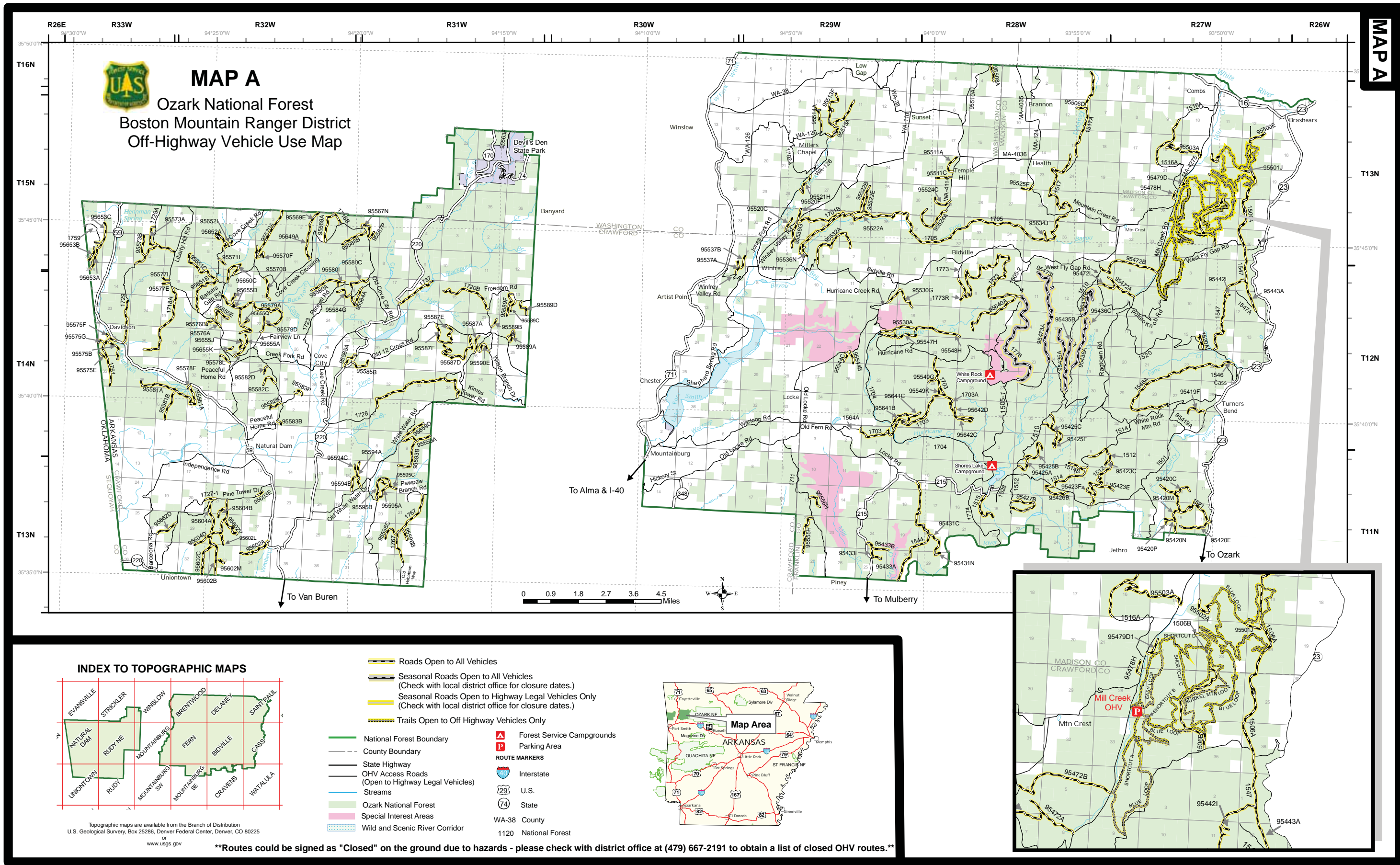
More than 1,200 miles of designated routes have been identified that provide a variety of opportunities for OHV enthusiasts across the Ozark National Forest. These routes include approximately 1,000 miles of existing forest system roads. An additional 160 miles of designated multi-use trails can be enjoyed at Huckleberry Mountain, Brock Creek, Mill Creek and Moccasin Gap. Other routes continue to be developed.

In addition to these designated routes, many more miles of open forest system roads are available to licensed motor vehicles but are not shown in this publication, which focuses solely on designated OHV routes. Roads and/or trails highlighted in yellow are designated for OHV use. Most campgrounds are closed to OHV use. Check local bulletin boards for specific information and carry this map with you to ensure you are riding on safe and legal designated routes.

Practice responsible OHV riding

Many national forest roads and trails are shared by various groups, as well as other vehicle traffic. Please use caution and courtesy when encountering another visitor. An OHV's ability to accelerate and maneuver quickly can be exhilarating, but can pose problems on trails shared with hikers, horseback riders, mountain bike riders or other OHV riders. Anyone can ride fast, but it's the skilled rider who can ride slowly over challenging terrain with minimal impact to the ground. Skill and common sense, not speed, will help you get there smoothly, safely and in style. During hunting seasons, please be considerate of others sharing the forest with you.







MAP B

Ozark National Forest Pleasant Hill Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Use Map

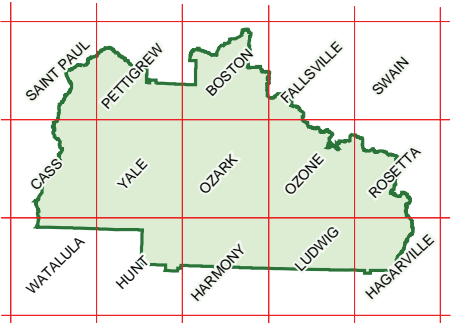
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(Check with local district office for closure dates.)

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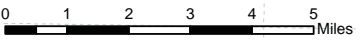
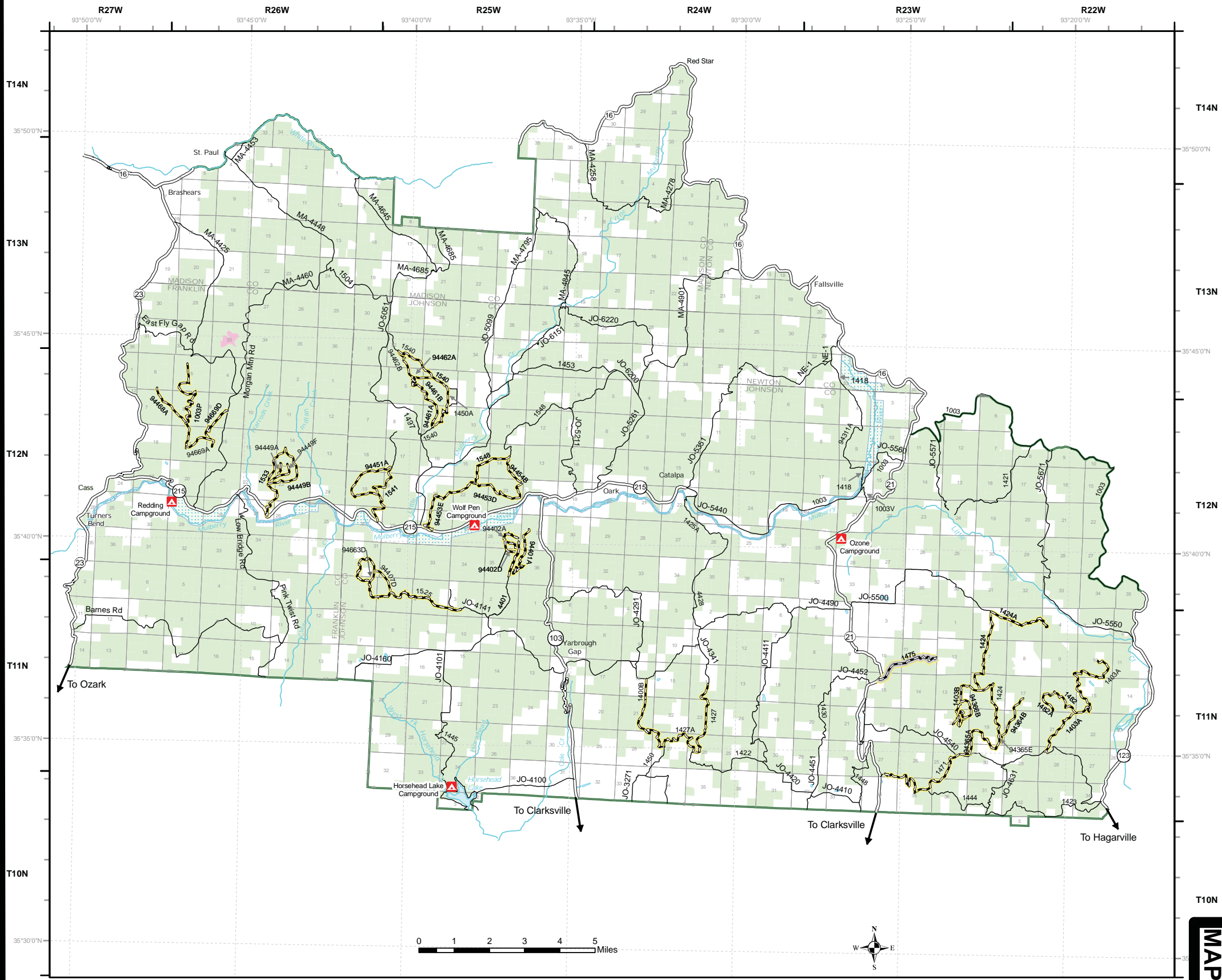
****Routes could be signed as "Closed" on the ground due to hazards - please check with district office at (479) 754-2864 to obtain a list of closed OHV routes.****



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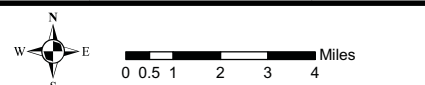
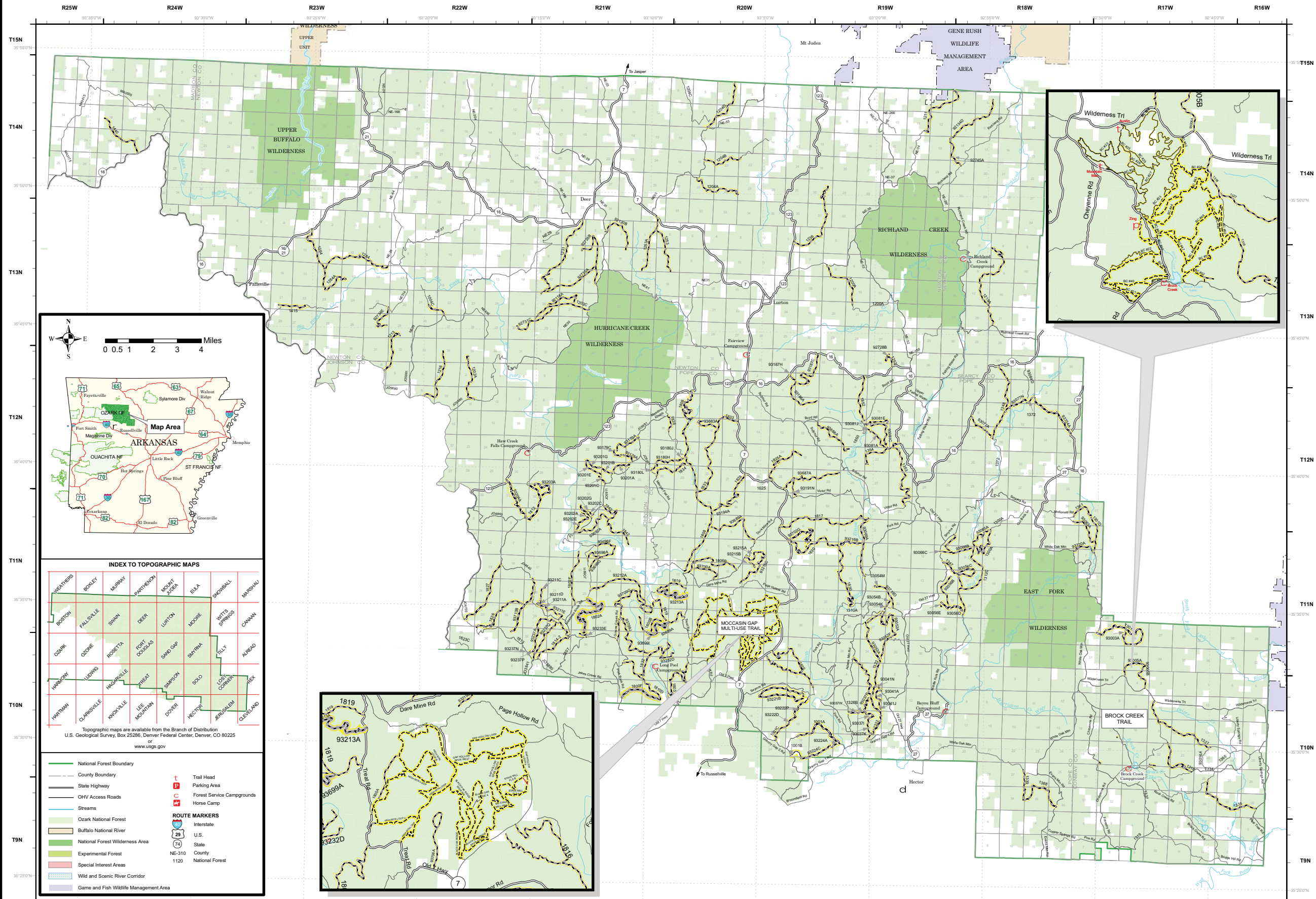
MAP B

MAP C

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- Seasonal Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only
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- Trails Open to ATV
- Seasonal Trails Open to ATV
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- Trails Open to Motorcycle

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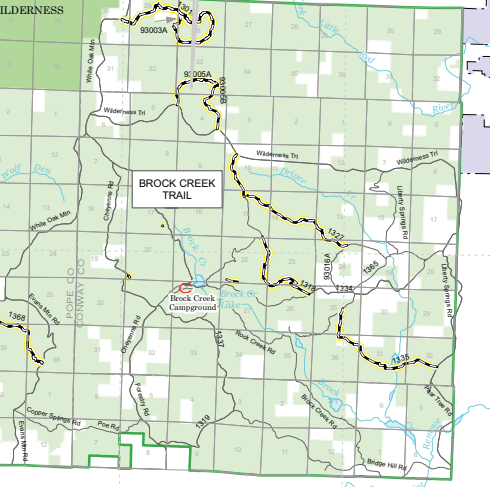
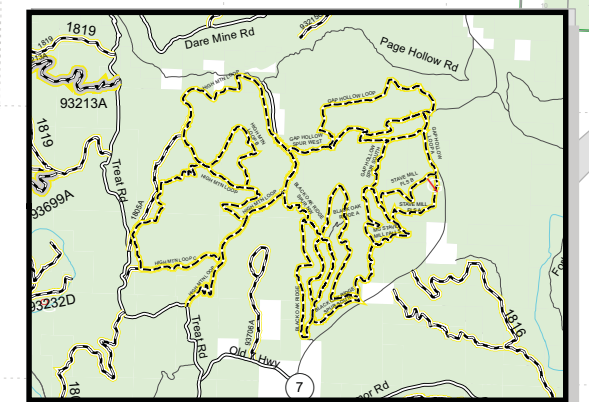
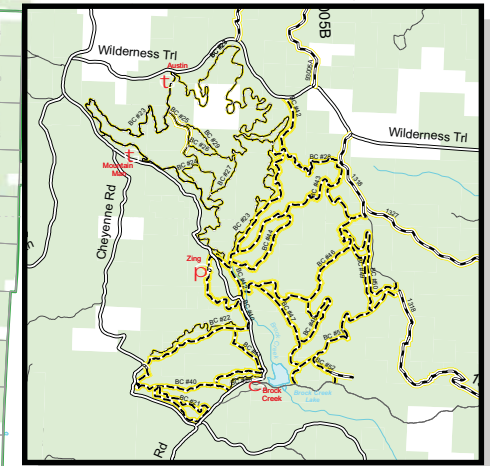
MAP C Ozark National Forest Big Piney Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Use Map



| WATKINS | BOXLEY | MURRAY | PARTRICKSON | MCKAY | ELLA | SNOWBALL | MARSHALL |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| BOSTON | FALLSVILLE | SHAW | DEER | LURTON | MOORE | WATTS | CANNAN |
| OSARK | COONE | ROBERTA | COX | DOUGLAS | SAND GAP | SAYNSA | TILLY |
| WILSON | LUDWIG | WAGNERVILLE | WHEAT | BRANSON | SOLO | LOSH | CORBIN |
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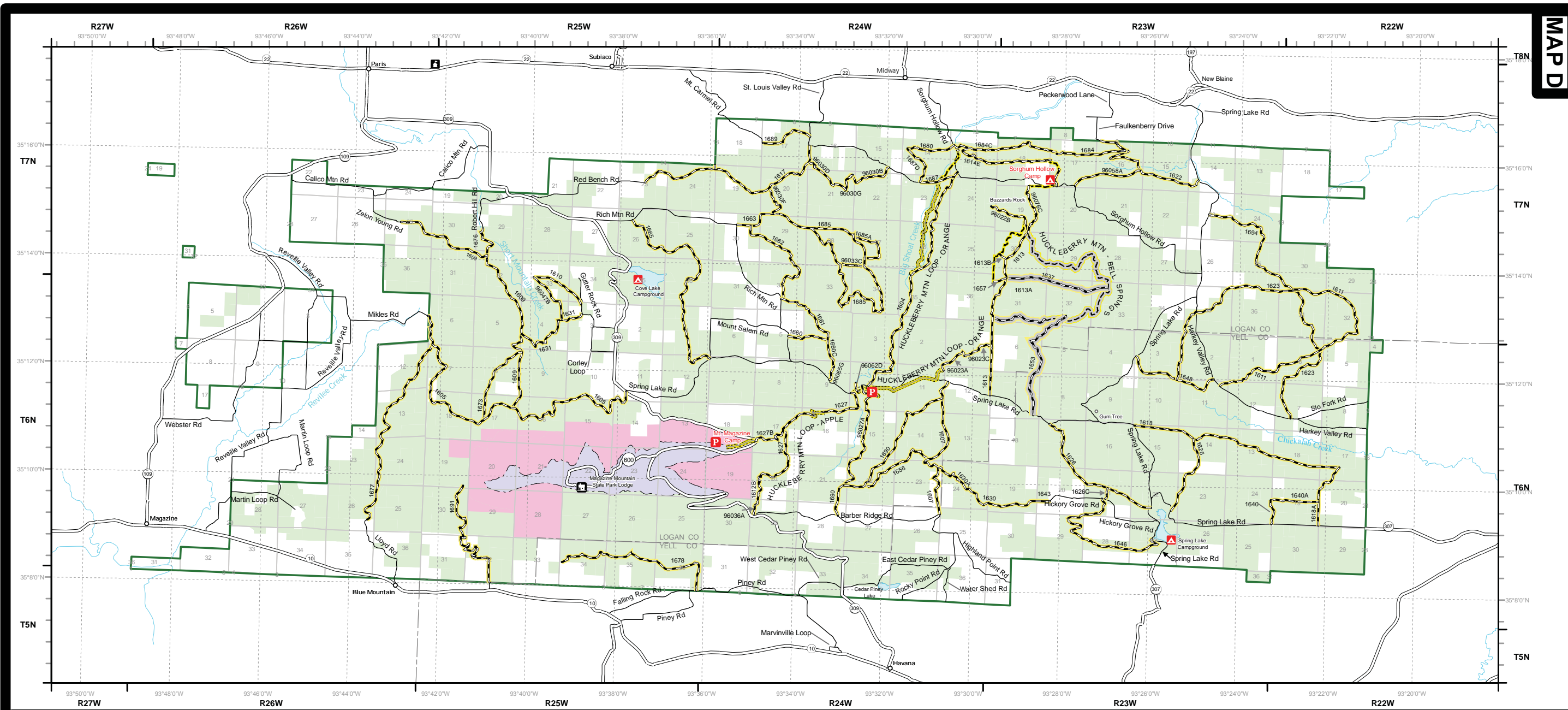
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- Parking Area
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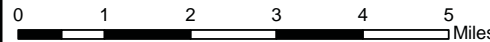


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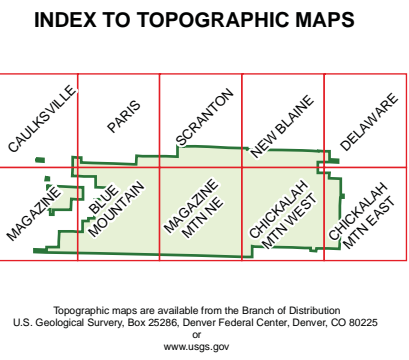


MAP D

Ozark National Forest Mt. Magazine Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Use Map



- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Seasonal Roads Open to All Vehicles (Check with local district office for closure dates.)
- Trails Open to Off Highway Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Seasonal Trails Open to Off Highway Vehicles 50" or Less in Width (Check with local district office for closure dates.)
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Ozark National Forest Sylamore Ranger District Off Highway Vehicle Use Map

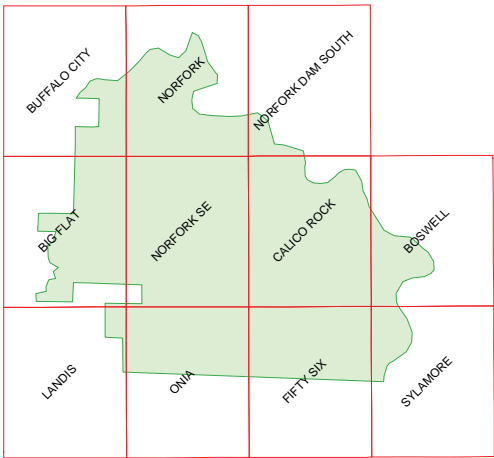
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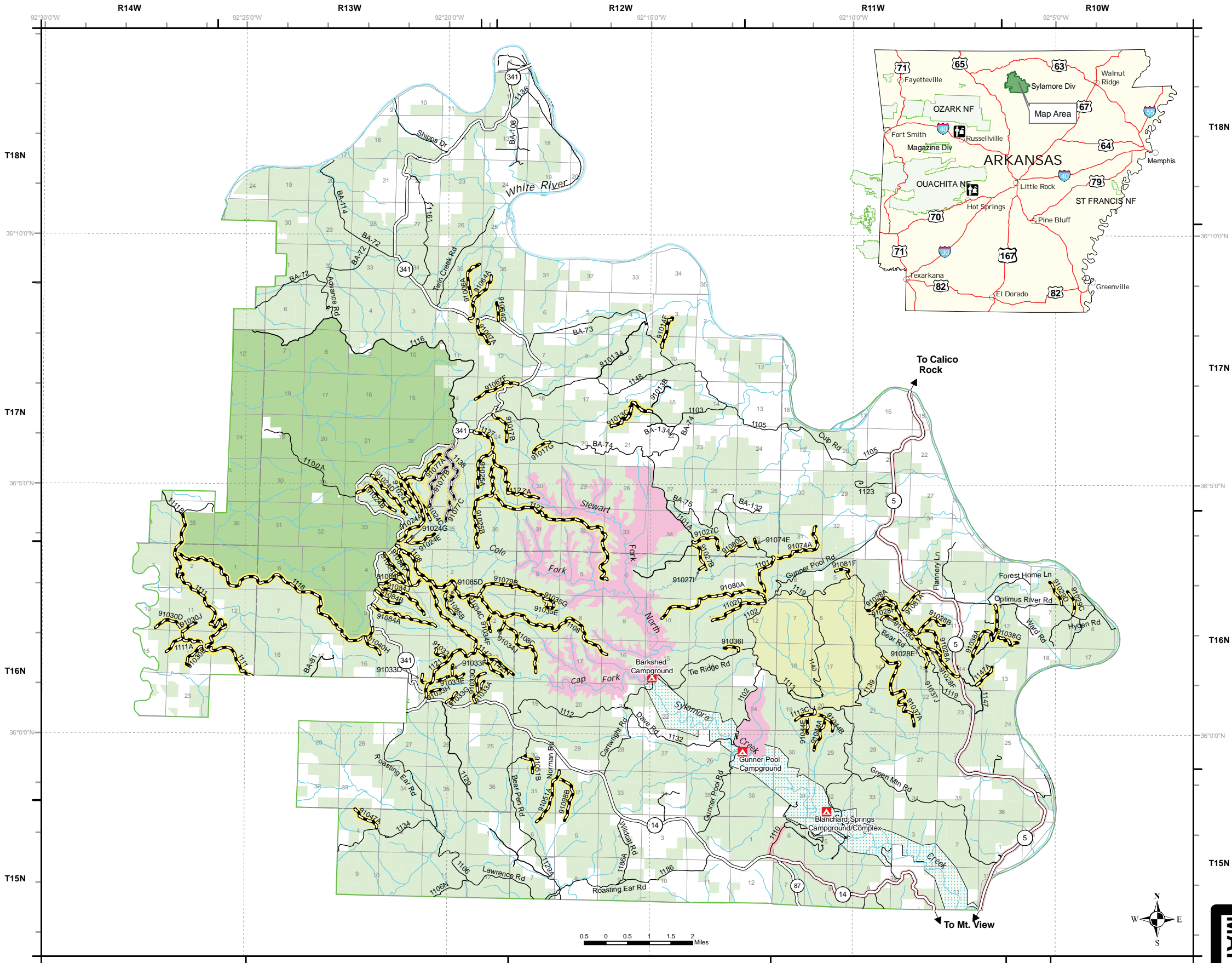
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